

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12, 14-27 and 29-30 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 24, 25, and 29 have been amended. Claims 13 and 28 have been canceled. Reconsideration and re-examination of pending claims 1-12, 14-27 and 29-30 is respectfully requested.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, the Examiner's claim rejections have been considered. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections regarding all pending claims and earnestly solicit allowance of these claims.

1. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, due to an informality. Claim 14 has been amended to traverse the rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the § 112 rejection of claim 14, which depends from claim 1, has been overcome.

Claims 13 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 13 and 28 have been canceled.

2. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 16-19, 21 and 22 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Galvez et al ("Networking, Videoconferencing and Collaborative Environments", 1998) in view of Nuber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,703,877). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant contends that Galvez does not teach, describe, or suggest the invention of independent claims 1, 9, 16, and 24. Galvez does not teach a system having computing devices using different and independent protocols. The combination suggested by the Examiner, inasmuch as it relies on Galvez teaching the structure of the invention, also fails to teach the

claimed invention for the reasons noted. With respect to Tucker, the Examiner contends that it teaches "a similar videoconferencing system" and that Tucker teaches interoperability between all endpoints in a system. However, a reading of Tucker does not reveal such teaching. Therefore, the combination suggested by the Examiner fails to teach, describe, or suggest the claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

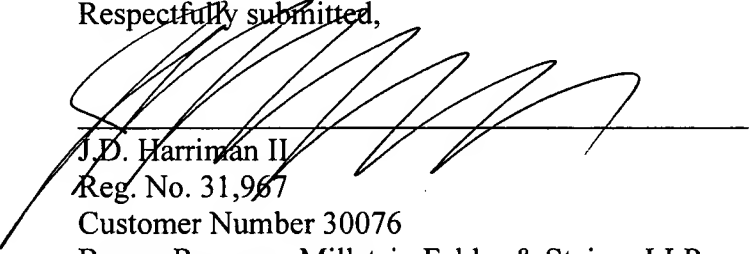
Applicants have made an earnest and *bona fide* effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-12, 14-27 and 29-30 is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with the submission of this paper. However, if the Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees from Deposit Account No. 502811.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8300. The undersigned attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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